

## MINUTES

### MANSFIELD INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY Regular Meeting, Monday, April 4, 2007 Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

Members present: R. Favretti (Chairman), B. Gardner, J. Goodwin, R. Hall, K. Holt (arrived at 7:08),  
P. Kochenburger P. Plante, B. Ryan, G. Zimmer  
Alternates present: L. Lombard (arrived at 7:08)  
Alternates absent: B. Pociask  
Staff present: G. Meitzler, (Wetlands Agent), G. Padick (Director of Planning)

Chairman Favretti called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

#### **Minutes:**

3/5/07- Hall MOVED, Plante seconded, to approve the Minutes as written.  
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3/19/07-Hall MOVED, Gardner seconded, to approve the Minutes as written.  
MOTION PASSED with all in favor except Plante who disqualified himself.

3/12/07-Field Trip- Gardner MOVED, Ryan seconded, to approve the Minutes as written. MOTION PASSED with Favretti, Gardner, Ryan, and Goodwin in favor and all others disqualified.

#### **Communications:**

The Draft Minutes of the 3-21-07 Conservation Commission were noted with particular attention to the comments regarding File W1371. The 3/13/07 Wetlands Agent's Monthly Business report was noted.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUATION:**

W1370-Girard College Development Fund, located on Ellise Road, for a 1-lot subdivision, with driveway crossing wetlands

Chairman Favretti disqualified himself, and Vice Chairperson Goodwin opened the Continued Public Hearing. Goodwin appointed Alternate Lombard to act for Favretti. Members present and acting were Gardner, Goodwin, Hall, Holt, Kochenburger, Plante, Ryan, Zimmer, and alternate Lombard.

Goodwin welcomed Joseph Capossella, attorney for the applicant. He introduced Tom Hennessy of Contact Bridge Solutions who described in detail the construction of the proposed bridge and illustrated the construction with a small model of the bridge. Goodwin inquired if the soil tests have been conducted yet. Capossella indicated that they had not, and asked Hennessy to give the worst

case scenario if the soil structure is not favorable. Hennessy stated that the footings would increase from 3 feet to 4 feet, and that this would have a very minimal impact on the wetlands because the footings are placed 6 feet outside the brook. Caposella stated that updated drawings would be done and signed by the P.E. and submitted prior to work being done.

Holt questioned what would cover the proposed bridge floor; Hennessy responded that processed aggregate would cover the bridge on a 1% grade to minimize erosion. He also indicated that the bridge would blend with the existing contours of the land. The time-frame to install the footings would be approximately 2-3 days depending on weather. Caposella said that if the Agency decides to request use of a temporary logger's bridge, the applicant would agree to a condition to that effect.

Goodwin asked for public comment.

Tony Philpotts of 41 Ellise Road questioned how the engineer figured out the flow rates of the stream, and mentioned that the stream width enlarges greatly during heavy rains. He also wondered what the width of the stream would be during a 50 year storm. Wetlands Agent Meitzler indicated that the flow rate calculation is correct and noted that it was based on data for a 100 year storm. Jimmy Hendricks of 90 Ellise Road expressed concern with the maintenance of the bridge. He is also concerned that if any animals are allowed on this property they will pollute the river with runoff from manure. Other concerns are the gravel driveway eroding into the wetlands, placement of a bright metal guard-rail on the bridge (deemed to be unattractive), and the future repair and replacement of the bridge. The applicant responded that the life expectancy of the bridge is approximately 100 years.

Goodwin noted that there were no further comments or questions from the public or the Commission. Plante MOVED, Holt seconded, to close the Public Hearing at 7:51p.m. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Other Old Business:**

W1371 – Datum Engineering – 108 Candide Lane – house within 150' (Leta & Costello)

Holt MOVED, Hall seconded, to table action on the application submitted by Datum Engineering (File #W1371) located at the corner of Candide Lane and Browns Road, and to set a Public Hearing for May 7, 2007. The Wetlands Agency is acting in the public interest, because the proposed activity may have significant impact on the subject wetland/watercourse, as was so voted by the Conservation Commission at their meeting on March 21, 2007. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**New Business:**

W1372 – Perfetto – N. Eagleville Road – house and garage addition

Goodwin MOVED, Holt seconded, to receive the application submitted by Roger E. Perfetto and Joyce D. Perfetto (IWA File #W1372) under Section 5 of the Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield for an addition to a single family residence located at 461 North Eagleville Road, on property owned by the applicants, as shown on a map dated June 17, 1987 and revised August 26, 1987 and as described in other application submissions and to refer the application to the staff and Conservation Commission for review and comment. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

W1373 – Lukas – Woodland Road – two lot subdivision

Goodwin MOVED, Holt seconded, to receive the application submitted by William Lukas III (IWA File #W1373) under Section 5 of the Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield for a 2-lot residential subdivision located on the west side of Woodland Road, 200 feet south of the intersection of Woodland and Wildwood Roads, on property owned by the applicants, as shown on a map dated February 28, 2007 and as described in other application submissions and to refer the application to the staff and Conservation Commission for review and comment. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman Favretti noted a Field Trip set for Tuesday, April 10, 2007 at 2:00pm.

**Reports of Officers and Committees:**

None

**Other Communications and Bills:**

Noted

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine K. Holt, Secretary